<u>REMARKS</u>

Preliminarily to the examination of the above-identified patent application the applicants submit herewith an amendment to the specification. The amendment consists of a government rights clause. No new matter has been added.

If for any reason this Preliminary Amendment is found to be incomplete, or if at any time it appears that a telephone conference with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned or his associates, collect in Waltham, Massachusetts at (781) 890-5678.

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